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**Inmate Death at FMC Fort Worth**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, April 9, 2020, inmate Oscar Ortiz was seen by FMC Fort Worth Health Services staff for a headache, body aches, chills, and other symptoms. Mr. Ortiz was immediately placed in isolation. On Monday, April 13, 2020, he tested positive for COVID-19. On Friday, April 17, 2020, Mr. Ortiz was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Saturday, April 18, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Friday, April 24, 2020, Mr. Ortiz, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Ortiz was a 78 year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Idaho to a 324-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and/or Marijuana, Drug Possession/Distribution, and Misprison of a Felony. He had been in custody at FMC Fort Worth since November 7, 2011.

FMC Fort Worth is an Administrative facility that currently houses 1528 male offenders.

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